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Bears recapture Canada West conference title

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In a pair of penalty-filled games, the Golden Bears hockey squad excised its demons against Saskatchewan by sweeping the Huskies and taking its 46th Canada West title.

Alberta beat the Huskies 8-3 on Friday night and 5-0 on Saturday, overcoming Saskatchewan's rough play and capitalizing on the Huskies multiple trips to the penalty box. 52 penalties were called in the two games, with Saskatchewan taking 20 on Saturday to the Bears' six and giving Alberta six man-advantages in the first period alone.

"We didn't have a chance in the first period," Saskatchewan head coach Dave Adolph said. "This game is played five-on-five, and we didn't have a chance. We came here with a chance to maybe battle back on Saturday night, and we didn't have a chance."

"They had six straight power plays. In a Canada West final, they had six straight power plays," he continued. "They had six straight power plays, and I didn't see any of them, but, you know, I've just been a coach in this league for 15 years. We didn't have a chance to play the game that has been really good for us for 15 years."

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PETE YEE

BEAR HUG The Golden Bears celebrate one of their eight goals on Friday night en route to an 8-3 win over Saskatchewan in the first game of the conference final.

Online survey sizes up campus chow

Students' Union, University administration, Aramark team up to find out what students and staff think of campus fare and where they like to eat it

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Students looking to voice their opinions about the grub on campus that goes into their mouths and empties their wallets can now do so thanks to the recent launch of an online campus food survey.

The Students' Union, in conjunction with the University of Alberta and Aramark, has created a survey with the hopes of gathering input from students and staff about what they're eating on campus and any changes they'd like to see in food services.

The survey, sent out as the top item in the SU monthly newsletter on 29 February, will run until Friday, 14 March. Eamonn Gamble, SU Vice-President (Operations and Finance), said that the SU is currently working through some logistical issues with sending out a mass email to students and staff.

"It's not guaranteed that there will be one, but we hope there will be," Gamble stated.

Talk of creating the survey, he explained, began this past summer and was brought up through the Food

Services Advisory Group, with discussion centering around providing healthier food options and service diversity on campus.

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While spearheading the creation of the survey, the SU worked alongside Lorraine Eriksson, manager of Support Services, who handles the day-to-day relationship with food services on campus.

As executive director of Ancillary

Services Doug Dawson explained, to his knowledge, there's never been an outreach project of this scale. As such, there were some challenges that the SU encountered with the survey's creation.

"We needed to balance each of our interests and what was in the best interest of students before we could submit a survey to students and staff that we felt was appropriate," Gamble explained.

"We're both obviously concerned about ensuring that our food operations provide healthy choices and variety," Dawson said. "It's a good opportunity to collaborate and get feedback to help us tailor student requirements in those operations."

Questions on the survey included ones pertaining to which campus locations students and staff eat at most frequently, how many meals students and staff purchase on campus per week, and food quality and prices.

Input from the U of A and Aramark were both considered while writing the questions, and both bodies will receive the results. Dawson believes that this kind of information is invaluable to any

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SU general election draws lacklustre voter turnout

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Voter turnout for the 2008 Students' Union election hit a low not seen in recent memory.

4075 voters cast their ballots from 5-6 March, down from last year's 7355. The drop shattered a general upswing in voter turnout since 2001.

Reaction to low turnout was a mixture of disappointment and commiserations over the reasons for it.

With the low turnout in the recent provincial election, it might seem plausible to point towards a wider cultural apathy—and even pessimism—towards the democratic process, but SU President Michael Janz dismissed this idea.

"I'm a little puzzled, because, as we saw with the events in Lister Hall about a month before the election, there certainly is an appetite among the student body to be engaged with and to actively participate in the university experience," Janz said "I don't think that this election itself is indicative of a general student apathy."

A predominant theory in the explanation for this year's low turnout was the lack of an explicit election notice

being emailed to students in the week preceding the election.

In past years, students were sent an email from the SU with the specific purpose of promoting the upcoming election. The email had a notice of the election stated explicitly in its subject line, so that even if immediately deleted, students would still be vaguely aware of the upcoming opportunity to vote.

This year, notifications were included in a sidebar of the SU's March email newsletter. The Union decided to make the change to avoid oversaturating students with the message in hopes that traditional postering and the presence of polling stations on election days would create the same turnout.

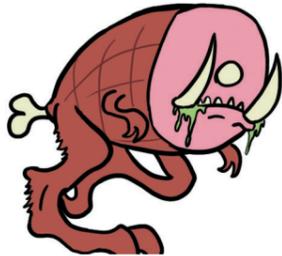
While some think this change may have resulted in students being unaware of the approaching election, Craig Turner, the SU's chief returning officer and the individual responsible for election affairs, disagrees.

"I'm disappointed in the turnout, but I think in the end you'd be hard-pressed to find a student on campus that didn't know the election was going on," he explained.

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Et tu, Teabaggimus

Two Gateway editors share a tender moment in the wee hours of the night, while a third captures it in comic form

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